

THE MINNESOTA STREETCAR MUSEUM

We Make Minnesota's Electric Railway History Come Alive!

2017-2018 Annual Appeal

TCRT No. 1239 Mechanical & Truck Work is our Next Goal

Before we briefly describe the goal for this year's annual appeal, we want to say many thanks to all our Museum's members and friends for your generous donations to the TCRT No. 1300 truck rebuilding project over the last few years. As reported in the *Streetcar Currents*, the work on No. 1300's trucks is virtually completed. Your financial support for this project, and to the Museum's general fund, is most appreciated.

Our Museum's next major project is the rehabilitation of the mechanical systems, motors and trucks under historic TCRT gate car No. 1239 that operates on our Excelsior Streetcar Line. Here are several reasons this work is vitally important.

- No. 1239 provides critical "base service" on MSM's Excelsior Streetcar Line.
- Work on No. 1239's trucks was last done back in 2004. Unfortunately this job was botched and we need to replaced all eight wheels and mount them on new axles.
- The motors on No. 1239's trucks were built in the late 1890s and received only repair work in the mid-1980s. While No. 1239 continues to op-

erate, it's an "iffy" proposition. We need to procure two good used motors to replace the old 1890s motors.

- The brake system for No. 1239 is very worn and needs to be inspected and repairs to connecting rods, levers and bushings made.
- Axle and motor support bearings on No. 1239 must be renewed/replaced as necessary.
- No. 1239 also needs to have its air compressor and electrical systems inspected and refurbished to ensure reliable and SAFE service for many years to come.

We need to focus our efforts now to raise the funds so we can correct the above problems. The project should be completed by the end of 2018 with an estimated cost of \$150,000!

Will you help? Thank you!



No. 1239's front truck.

Remember—your donation is fully deductible under both federal and state income tax law.

PLEASE SEND IN THE DONATION SLIP BELOW AS SOON AS YOU CAN!

Yes, I want to Help! Please designate my donation for the following project:

No. 1239 Rebuilding Fund General Fund

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